

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) 1.66 million tonnes of magnesite has been identified in Village Parsad by the State Government of Rajasthan through survey and prospecting.

(d) Magnesite always remained unreserved group of minerals and anybody can make use of the mineral for establishing industry.

(e) and (f). Benefits likely to be accrued and employment potential depends on the economic viability of the deposit and extent of exploitation.

Delhi Flying Club Closed

3099. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SHIGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Flying Club Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi has been lying closed since 1982;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken so far to reopen it;

(c) whether the Pilot training for CPL, PPL and non-professional trainees has also been discontinued;

(d) whether the objective of Safdarjung Airport was to provide training to Pilots and to handle movement of VIPs;

(e) if so, whether these objectives have been fulfilled; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The objectives of Safdarjung Airport are mainly to cater to the flight operations of Delhi Flying Club, impart training to pilots and handle occasional VIP movements.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Bauxite based Aluminium Industry in Bihar

3100. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether heavy deposits of Bauxite have been located in Palamu and Chatara districts of Southern Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set-up bauxite based aluminium industry there;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Geological Survey of India is likely to conduct a survey to ensure the heavy deposits of bauxite in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The district-wise recoverable reserves of Bauxite in Bihar is given below :-

District	(Unit : 000 Tonnes)
Monghyr	813.00
Palamau	3323.20
Rohtas	1300.00
Gumla	37132.50
Lohardaga	12120.50
Dumka	6415.00
Total	61104.20

(b) and (c). The Alumina Refinery of Indian Aluminium Company Limited is already located at Muri in the State. Any new capacities can be created on establishment of additional reserves in the State to justify setting up of such a plant.

(d) and (e). Government have been conducting surveys of mineral reserves in Bihar on continuing basis. Geological Survey of India has carried out a Targe number of investigations for different minerals in the state which includes Bauxite.

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Expansion of Bauxite Mines and Aluminium Refineries of NALCO

3101. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the bauxite mines and aluminium refinery of NALCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the investment made therefor;

(c) whether the Government have already approved the expansion of Alumina/Aluminium project at Damanjodi, Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the expansion programme is expected to be computed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (e). The proposal of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) to expand the capacity of Bauxite